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Re:

Notice of Compliance – UNS Electric Voluntary Solar Contribution Program Docket No. E-04204A-13-0225, Decision No. 74822

Pursuant to Decision No. 74822 (November 13, 2014), UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNS Electric" or the "Company") hereby provides a status report on the Company's Voluntary Solar Contribution Program ("VSC Program").

UNS Electric and Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") are wholly-owned subsidiaries of UNS Energy Corporation. TEP, in Docket No. E-01933A-13-0224, is filing an identical compliance report pursuant to Decision No. 74821 (November 13, 2014).

### VCS Program Fund

In December 2014, TEP and UNS Electric contributed a total of \$25,500 to a single fund called the Tucson Electric Power Company and UNS Electric Voluntary Solar Program Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is managed on behalf of TEP and UNS Electric by the Arizona Community Foundation ("ACF"). Contributions to the Fund are designated for the installation of solar panel systems on newly built residential single-family homes constructed by the Arizona chapters of Habitat for Humanity International ("Habitat") on Habitat homes for either TEP or UNS Electric customers.

## Promotion

The VSC Program has been promoted through the following channels:

TEP and UNS Electric have dedicated web pages that explain the VSC Program. The links are below.

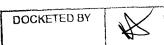
https://www.tep.com/renewable/home/voluntarysolar/ https://www.UNS Electricaz.com/renewable/home/voluntarysolar/

ACF's website has a dedicated page that describes the fund and allows for online donations. The link is below.

https://www.azfoundation.org/Giving/TEPVoluntarySolarContributionProgram.aspx

TEP and UNS Electric issued press releases on May 4, 2015. Those releases can be found websites TEP and UNS Electric at the https://www.tep.com/news/newsroom/release/?idRec=414 https://www.UNS Electricaz.com/news/newsroom/release/index.php?idRec=341

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- On May 4, 2015, both TEP and UNS Electric used Facebook and Twitter to promote the program via social media. Combined, TEP and UniSource Energy Services ("UES," parent company of UNS Electric and UNS Gas, Inc.) have more than 19,000 Facebook "likes" and nearly 6,000 Twitter followers.
- The May 7, 2015 issue of TEP's customer newsletter, Plugged in, contained a story about the VSC Program. The newsletter was sent to more than 100,000 TEP customers via email (almost 30% of TEP's total residential customer base). The newsletter story can be found on TEP's website at the link below.

https://www.tep.com/news/pluggedin/solar-for-Habitat/

• On October 8, 2015 UES' customer newsletter will contain a promotional story about the VSC Program. The newsletter will be emailed to more than 42,000 customers (almost 20% of UES' total residential customer base).

### **Fund Contributions**

From the inception of the Fund to September 30, 2015, there have been donations of \$626.69. These contributions came from four donors.

#### **Fund Balance**

As of September 30, 2015, the Fund's balance was \$25,855.09 (including net investment returns). Fund-related expenses include: an administrative fee of 1% of the Fund balance or \$500, whichever is greater; and an annual fee of \$500 to maintain an online donation page on ACF's website.

## System Installations

As of September 30, 2015, there have been no solar installations funded by the VSC Program.

Please contact Chris Norman if you have any questions at 520-884-3649.

Sincerely,

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